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SUBJ: NSF/KKI PROGRAM: US VISIT OF KKI DELEGATION

REF A: STATE 222308

B: ZARB/SZITA MEMCON OF APRIL 10, 1974

STATE PASS HULL/NSF

1. EMBASSY ECONOFF SPOKE WITH LASANYI AND SOMOR CONCERNING UPCOMING KKI VISIT. LASANYI SAID HE HOPED VISIT WOULD GIVE HIM GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORKINGS OF KKI/NSF COOPERATION PROGRAM AND WOULD LAY GROUNDWORK FOR ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM COOPERATION. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS TO MAKE REGARDING DELEGATION'S US ITINERARY, HE REPLIED THAT GENERAL SUGGESTIONS HAD BEEN FORWARDED WITH KKI'S LETTER TO HULL OF OCT 9. HE HAD NO OTHER SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROGRAM. HE PREFERRED TO LET NSF DECIDE WITH WHOM APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HORCHLER CONCERNING VISIT AS HE IS CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY. HOWEVER, FROM EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM WE ASSUME HE HAS BEEN INCLUDED AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ZARB AND SZITA CONCERNING

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POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING US-HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERA-

TION (SEE REF B). BELIEVE HORCHLER MAY BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF JOINT RESEARCH IN ENERGY AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN FIELDS OF SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY. HORCHLER ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL WISH TO HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH ZARB AT OMB. WILL ENDEAVOR TO SPEAK WITH HORCHLER FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO HUNGARY ON OCT 21 AND WILL FORWARD ANY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS HE MIGHT MAKE AT THAT TIME.

3. LASANYI IS PERSON AT KKI IN CHARGE OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAMS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES AND IS REPLACING ANDRAS MIKLOVICH. PRIOR TO CURRENT ASSIGNMENT HE SERVED FOUR YEARS AS SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE WITH HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS. IT APPEARED THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH NSF/KKI PROGRAM. LASANYI IS FLUENT IN FRENCH BUT SPEAKS NO OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGES. HORCHLER IS A MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY TRAINING BUT HAS WORKED FOR LAST SEVERAL YEARS AS MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HORCHLER WAS EISENHOWER FELLOW IN US FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.
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